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The Honorable Daniel R. Elliot, III  
Chairman  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E. Street, SW  
Suite 1220  
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Dear Chairman Elliot:

The Warren County (Ohio) Office of Economic Development is writing to express its support for a strong freight railroad network in our county, state and across the United States.

As the economy begins to recover from the recent recession, we do not need to create policies that reverse the ability of the rail industry to reinvest and continue to provide strong service to its customers and communities. Our office supports a healthy freight rail network that encourages reinvestment by the rail industry, supports economic development and continued economic recovery.

The Warren County Office of Economic Development opposes any policy or regulatory changes that would hinder the freight railroads' ability to continue investing billions of dollars annually in private capital to grow and modernize the nation's rail infrastructure. We respectfully request that no regulatory or policy changes be pursued at this time by the Surface Transportation Board.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Martin Russell'.

Martin Russell  
Director  
Warren County Office of Economic Development